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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of )  
RICHARD R. HENGST )  
Serial No.: 09/884,720 ) Group Art Unit: 1763  
Filed: June 19, 2001 ) Examiner: Ram N. Kackar  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD ) (Our File No. 6096-01)  
OF MAKING A SLIP FREE )  
WAFER BOAT )

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION ASSOCIATED WITH A REQUEST FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 10, 2003 issued in the above-identified application and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith in accordance with Rule 1.114.